

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1038

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A RESOLUTION designating April 12-16, 2010, as "EyeCare America Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the gift of sight is one of our most valued senses; and

WHEREAS, older Tennesseans are particularly susceptible to loss of vision through age-related macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and diabetes, yet with early detection and treatment much can be done to preserve sight; and

WHEREAS, EyeCare America, the public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, is this year celebrating twenty-five years of preserving sight; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee is home to over 10,000 people served by EyeCare America and 132 ophthalmologists who volunteer to see EyeCare America patients; and

WHEREAS, nationally, more than 7,000 ophthalmologists volunteer to see EyeCare America patients; and

WHEREAS, people age 65 and older who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years may be eligible to receive eye exams and care for up to one year at no cost to the patient; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Eyecare America Week is to encourage the early detection and treatment of vision loss; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate April 12-16, 2010, as "EyeCare America Week" in Tennessee and encourage all Tennesseans to increase their awareness of the importance of regular eye exams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.